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SUBJ: ROKG/JAPAN CONTINENTAL SHELF AGREEMENT

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SUMMARY: ROK OUTRAGED BY JAPANESE DIET FAILURE RATIFY  
CONTINENTAL SHELF AGREEMENT. ROK GOVERNMENT AND JAPANESE  
CRITICIZED IN ACRIMONIOUS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY DEBATE.  
EDITORIALS DENOUNCE JAPANESE BETRAYAL. END SUMMARY

1. ROK PRESS APRIL 29 HEADLINED STORIES CONCERNING  
JAPANESE DIET FAILURE RATIFY CONTINENTAL SHELF AGREEMENT  
AS SCHEDULED APRIL 28. IN ADDITION, ALL PAPERS, EXCEPT  
OFFICIAL SEOUL SHINMUN, CARRIED EDITORIALS BITTERLY  
DENOUNCING JAPANESE "BETRAYAL" AND CALLING FOR STRONG  
COUNTER MEASURES.

2. PRIME MINISTER AND RESPONSIBLE CABINET MINISTERS  
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SPENT ENTIRE DAY APRIL 29 ANSWERING ANGRY DENOUNCIATIONS  
FROM ALL PARTIES IN NATIONAL ASSEMBLY INTERPELLATIONS.  
PRESS REPORTS ASSEMBLYMEN CALLED ON GOVERNMENT TO  
DENOUNCE ROK/JAPAN CONTINENTAL SHELF TREATY AND DECLARE  
200 MILE ECONOMIC ZONE. NEW DEMOCRATIC PARTY REPORTEDLY  
DECIDED TO CALL FOR MASS RESIGNATION OF PRIME MINISTER  
AND CABINET.

3. TWO COUNTERMEASURE COMMITTEES HAVE BEEN FORMED BY ROKG TO DEAL WITH PROBLEM. PRIME MINISTER WILL CHAIR NEWLY FORMED LAW OF SEA COMMITTEE TO DEAL WITH CONTINENTAL SHELF QUESTION IN CONTEXT OF MAY LAW OF SEA CONFERENCE. ADDITIONAL VICE MINISTERIAL-LEVEL COMMITTEE WAS FORMED TO FORMULATE CONTINENTAL SHELF DEVELOPMENT MEASURES.

4. DESPITE RECENT PRESS REPORTS TO CONTRARY TEXACO REPRESENTATIVE TOLD EMBOFF APRIL 28 THAT TEXACO HAD NOT BEEN ASKED BY GOVERNMENT TO DRILL IN CONTINENTAL SHELF AREA IN ABSENCE OF AGREEMENT RATIFICATION. HE SAID THAT IN FACT TEXACO HAD JUST RENEGOTIATED ITS CONTRACT FOR EXPLORATION OF BLOCK 5 TO SPECIFICALLY STATE THAT DRILLING WOULD NOT BE REQUIRED UNLESS CONTINENTAL SHELF AGREEMENT RATIFIED.

5. MOFA NORTHEAST ASIA DIVISION I (JAPAN) CHIEF PAK YUN TOLD EMBOFF GAIMUSHO HAD GIVEN ASSURANCES GOJ WOULD ATTEMPT TO SECURE RATIFICATION IN LOWER HOUSE FOLLOWING GOLDEN WEEK HOLIDAY AND WOULD THEN TAKE MEASURE TO UPPER HOUSE FOR PASSAGE ABOUT MAY 10. PAK SAID PROSPECTS FOR THIS EFFORT DID NOT LOOK BRIGHT BUT ROKG POSTURE AT THIS JUNCTURE WAS TO AWAIT OUTCOME OF DIET DELIBERATIONS.  
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